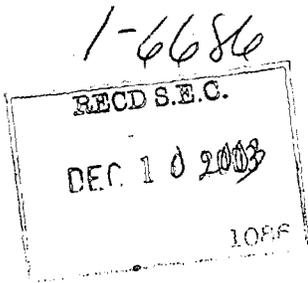


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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC., Series A Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock, no par value. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on December 10, 2003. Tentative listing date - December 15, 2003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paras Madho".